Steps to Keep Delhi Clean

4549. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "SC fixes civic code; no slims, no littering", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 18th February, 2000;

(b) whether as per court's assessment, Slum Department has not cleared any slum despite its being in existence for decade in Delhi and more and more slums are coming into existence;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Municipal Corporation employees who were assigned to clean the city are invisible; and

(d) if so. what concrete steps are being taken by Government to keep Delhi environment clean as also Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Slum and JJ Department (MCD) is relocating only those Slum/JJ clusters whose encroached land pockets are required by the concerned land-owning agencies for implementation of certain projects of public importance and also agree to bear their share towards the cost of resettlement. Primarily, it is the duty of the land-owning agencies to ensure that no slums come up on their lands.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. MCD has reported that strict supervision to kept and action taken against those employees who do not attend their duties. In so far as other metropolitan cities are concerned, the matter falls within the jurisdiction of respective State Governments.

Fencing of Villages in South Delhi

4550. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of villages have been fenced in the South Delhi for forestation;

(b) if so, the names of such villages; and

(c) what are the names of villages where construction of farm houses have been allowed in South Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Government of NCT of Delhi have reported that no village has been fenced in South Delhi. However, the Gaon Sabha land notified as reserved forest is being taken over from Panchayat Department and fenced for afforestation purposes.

(b) Notified Gram Sabha land of village Jaunapur, Ayanagar, Ghitorni. Neb-Sarai. Rajokari, Rangpuri, Dera Mandi Bhatti, Asola, Devli, Pulpehlad, Maidangarhi, Chhatarpur, Saidulajab is being fenced for afforestation purposes as reported by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

(c) MCD has reported that farm houses are allowed to be constructed in all villages/parts of villages which are part of agricultural land use/rural area as per MPD 2001 and which do not form part of ridge/regional park.

Encroachment on Government Land in Basant Gaon

4551. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who have encroached Government land/public passages unauthorisedly in Basant Gaon, New Delhi, till date;

(b) the step taken to get the encroachments cleared/demolished, till date;

(c) whether DDA officials visited the site on 29th February, 2000 and consequent upon the said inspection they sent demolitation team of DDA/Delhi police on 6th March, 2000, but team of officials did not remove any of the encroachments/public passages;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government propose to remove unauthorised encroachments/ public passages in the above area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) DDA has reported that large number of villagers have encroached upon the Government land. Delhi Police has also reported that most of the villagers have encroached upon the streets by constructing stairs, etc. in front of their houses.